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**692d Quartermaster Battalion returns from Iraq:  
Ceremony set for Wednesday**

Fort Polk, La.--- A welcome home ceremony to honor approximately 25 members of the Headquarters Detachment 692d Quartermaster Battalion of the Army Reserve headquartered in New Orleans was held Wednesday March 10th, at 10:00 a.m., at the Warrior Field here. Also honored were soldiers from the 336<sup>th</sup> Finance Command and the 469<sup>th</sup> Finance Group both out of Lake Charles and the 355<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Company out of New Orleans.

These soldiers mobilized on February 7, 2003 and deployed March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

All units fell under the 7<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Group during the war, which was replaced by the 172d CSG their peacetime higher headquarters out of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

The mission of the 692d was to provide logistical, maintenance and personnel support to water operations at 19 different remote sites throughout Iraq.

The majority of the battalion's operations were in and around the Sunni Triangle, the most hostile area in central Iraq.

Their numerous accomplishments throughout their 354 days in a combat environment include providing over 140 million gallons of water to four separate Corps Support Group's (CSG) and the Polish Multi-national Division, drilling seven water wells, repair or construction of water and wastewater treatment facilities and setting up the largest water support operation in the theater and provided more water to the forces during war than any other unit in the history of the U.S. Army.

Major Gregg Putnam, 1LT Chaplain Roy Hamilton, MSG Ervin Wells, SSG Elizabeth Kisse, SGT Lauren Wiltenmuth are all being awarded Bronze Star Medals for meritorious service and performance while serving in a combat zone. LTC William Griffith and SGM Wayman Bacon were awarded Bronze Star Medals while in theatre.

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